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SUBJECT: AMERICAN JOURNALIST DENIED ENTRY TO TAIWAN

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR, ACCOMPANIED BY ACTING COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS, CALLED ON YU PENG, DIRECTOR OF MOFA'S DEPARTMENT OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS ON AUGUST 11 AND CARRIED OUT DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL) IN THE CASE OF MIKE CHINOY.

2. POLCOUNS REVIEWED WITH YU PENG ALL THE DETAILS OF CHINOY'S TREATMENT AT THE AIRPORT AS DESCRIBED IN HONG KONG'S 9140, AND CONCLUDED WITH TWO POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF STATE186411. POLCOUNS RECALLED THAT, WHEN THE CASE OF PROFESSOR FRIEDMAN WAS DISCUSSED WITH MOFA ON JANUARY 21, 1977 (TAIPEI 404), THE GROC HAD FULLY ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE THAT ANY AMERICAN CITIZEN, EVEN ONE WHO HAS NOT BEEN TECHNICALLY GRANTED ENTRY, HAS THE RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE PROMPTLY WITH THE EMBASSY. THE POLCOUNS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MOFA WOULD TAKE PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES IN THE NATIONAL POLICE ADMINISTRATION AND
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THE IMMIGRATION BUREAU WHO HAVE JURISDICTION OVER AIRPORT IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ARE INFORMED OF THE VIEWS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO MIKE CHINOY.

3. YU PENG SAID HE RECALLED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE FRIEDMAN CASE AND THE FACT THAT MOFA HAD FULLY ACCEPTED THE RIGHT OF ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS TO HAVE PROMPT

CONTACT WITH EMBASSY OR CONSULAR OFFICIALS. HE SAID HE WOULD UNDERTAKE ONCE AGAIN TO MAKE THESE VIEWS KNOWN TO THE NATIONAL POLICE ADMINISTRATION AND THE IMMIGRATION BUREAU. HE FURTHER DEPLORED THE ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF AIRPORT IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS TO INFLUENCE CHINOY'S REPORTING ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND SUCH BEHAVIOR SINCE IT WAS "ABSOLUTELY NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS." POLCOUNS TOLD YU HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A PROMPT RESPONSE TO HIS DEMARCHE AND YU PROMISED TO DO SO.

4. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOREGOING, DCM PLANS TO RAISE THE CHINOY CASE IN ONE OF HIS INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH VICE MINISTER FRED CHIEN AND WILL REPORT RESULTS. UNGER

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